AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows.

1. Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 16-17, which begins with "Coupling spring 20…," with the following new paragraph.

Coupling spring 20 includes a large arm 22~~20~~ in which there is formed a fork 16 and a small arm 24 whose end is stressed by the end of branch 15 of control lever 10.

2. Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 23-34, which begins with "Referring now also…," with the following new paragraph.

Referring now also to Figures 8, 9 and 10, it can be seen that adjustment plate 30 is formed by two elements 31, 35 stacked on either side of a third element forming a spacer 33. Element 31 is a hinge plate and includes, close to the edges of one of its ends, two small extensions 31a, 31b extending beyond the edge of spacer 33, the~~said~~ extensions 31a, 31b having ends bent at right angles. Element 35 forming the cover is provided, at one of its extended ends, with two lugs 35a, 35b being located between the~~said~~ bent extensions 31a, 31b, the~~said~~ lugs extending slightly beyond the~~said~~ extensions 31a, 31b. These three elements 31, 33, 35 are assembled by two studs 32a, 32b, driven through holes provided in the~~said~~ elements, the heads of the~~said~~ studs 32a, 32b projecting from both sides of the stack to form guide means 32. Studs 32a, 32b are guided by oblong apertures 36a, 36b made in mechanism plate 8 and in chronograph bridge 28, which enables the shake of adjustment plate 30 to be limited.

3. Please insert the following new paragraph on page 5, after the paragraph on page 4, line 35, to page 5, line 7, which ends with "...of the guide studs.":

In operation, the coupling wheel 17 is brought into friction with an intermediate second wheel 19, or, conversely, to moved away therefrom by a fork 16 formed in the large arm 22 of an L-shaped coupling spring 20, articulated at the joining portion of the two arms 22, 24 on an adjustment plate 30, the small arm 24 of the coupling spring (20) having its end stressed by the end of a control lever 10. Means for guiding 32a, 32b and means for positioning by a cam screw 38 allow the distance between the small arm 24 of the coupling spring 20 and the end of the control lever 10 to be modified, which thus allows manufacturing tolerances to be compensated for.